

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 3 Week 1

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Welcome back to everyone for Term Three.

Term Three promises to be a very busy term as we have a number of sporting events and cultural events timetabled to take place this term, culminating with our annual school musical in Week Eleven.

As many of you will have heard, the shift of the school to the Holy Cross site is timetabled to take place so that we can be on site for the beginning of 2013.

The attitude of the BOT is that they will only put confirmed facts to you:

No dreams, no aspirations and certainly no gossip.

If you hear information that doesn't come from the school/BOT or Catholic Property Services please treat it as someone's opinion.

So that the parent community is kept up to date with where we are at the moment—the BOT and the Catholic Diocese will be holding an information evening in the school foyer **7pm on Thursday evening**. The purpose of this evening is to keep all of you folk informed of where we are now—where we are going to and how we plan to get there. So please come along.

I will be in Oamaru today for our annual Year Seven and Eight interchange with St Joseph's School. This is always a great event as it ensures that our Year Seven and Eight group get another chance to meet with and compete against another group of their peers.

Have a great week.

Mike Brosnahan

Farewell Mass for Mrs Simmons



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Term 3 July

17th Rm 7 Sports Exchange trip to Oamaru
19th Information Evening 7pm Foyer
23rd Kapa Haka—Mosgiel Library
23rd PTA Meeting
25th BOT Meeting 7.30pm, staffroom

August

1st Parent meeting for First Communion
20-24th Rm 7 Camp—Queenstown

Next Sunday 29th July

Being the 5th Sunday of the month, Mrs Dillon would love a group of children from our school to help lead the singing at Sunday Mass 9am. If your children can help please let Mrs Dillon know asap, Choir children are very welcome. Thank you —Mary Dillon.

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

When your child:

- Has signs of being unwell, i.e. grizzly, unsettled, listless or tired
- Has a high temperature or appears very hot
- Is complaining of, or appears to have a sore tummy, throat or ears
- Has a continuous cough
- Has had diarrhoea or vomiting in the past 24 hours and not able to eat their normal food
- Has had diarrhoea and vomiting within the last 48 hours
- Has weeping, red eyes and/or a yellow discharge around the eyes
- Has broken skin sores
- Has become ill with a communicable disease eg measles, chickenpox.

If you are unsure, call your child's school or public health nurse.

Please inform your school if your child is going to be kept home due to illness.

Parent Meeting for First Communion

This will be held on Wednesday 1st August at the Parish Centre, Church Street at 7pm. Advanced notice for the First Communion, date is set for Sunday 9th September.

Altar Server Sunday 19th August

Sam O'Neill

Religious Education

All classes will be studying the **Sacrament Strand** (Hakarameta) due the first part of Term 3.

Year 0-1 will learn about the holiness of God through places, times, objects and rituals. Family/Whanau book pg 19.

Year 2 find out about the rite of **Baptism** when people are welcomed into the Church. Family/Whanau book page 22.

Year 3 focus on forgiveness and learn about the sacrament of **Reconciliation** which restores our friendship with God. Family/Whanau book pg 25.

Year 4 study the sacrament of **Eucharist** when we experience God's presence in the world. Family Whanau book page 28.

Year 5 focus on healing and learn how the sacraments of **Penance** and the **Anointing of the Sick** bring people the graces of reconciliation, healing, strength and peace. Family/Whanau book page 34.

Year 6 study how the **Seven Sacraments** of the Church reveal Christ's presence because they bring new life, healing, strength and love to people. Family/Whanau book page 34.

Year 7 focus on the sacrament of **Holy Orders** when priests are ordained for the service of the Church and how the sacrament of **Eucharist** strengthens God's people for the service of others. Family/Whanau books page 37.

Year 8 focuses on commitment and the sacrament of **Marriage**. Family/Whanau book page 38c.

A thought for the week...

There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the floods, leads onto fortune...

And we must take the current where it serves, or lose our ventures.

William Shakespeare, Julius Caesar, Act IV Scene 3

Thank you

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Board of Trustees, Staff, Parent Teacher Association and parents of St Mary's School for all the gifts, cards and best wishes that were given to me as I left at the end of last term. I really appreciate your generosity and kind words. I will always treasure my special book from you all, as well as the many wonderful memories of my time at St Mary's.

With thanks, Anne Simmons

The Taieri College Rock Band Entertained us at the end of last term

